



Palm Beach State to host panel discussion on helping professions that pay well

Nonprofit professionals will advise on career tracks in free event open to the public

(Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. – February 23, 2012) Do you want to make a difference and still pay the rent? Students, job-seekers or anyone who desires a good salary *and* a career doing good work should attend a free panel discussion at Palm Beach State College. The “Great Paying Careers—While Helping Others” event will be held on Wednesday, March 14 from 2 to 3:15 p.m. at the BioScience Technology Complex, Room SC127, on the College’s Palm Beach Gardens campus, 3160 PGA Blvd.

Six local professionals will talk about their careers in nonprofit and social service roles and offer advice and tips for success. In addition, the audience will have the opportunity to ask questions of the panelists, who are:

- **Ronise Baptiste**, program operations administrator, Family Safety Programs, Department of Children and Families
- **Laurie George, Ph.D.**, chief operating officer, United Way of Palm Beach County
- **Jeannie Hoban, LCSW**, counselor, Palm Beach State College, College-wide Student Counseling Center
- **Trish Lowry**, director of business development, Florida’s Blood Centers
- **Judith Selzer**, vice president of public policy and communications, Planned Parenthood of South Florida and the Treasure Coast, Inc.
- **Ricardo Zambrano**, regional biologist, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Palm Beach State Associate Professor Jeannette Sullivan, event co-chair, saw the need for the panel in her *Strategies for College Success* classes. “Many students have altruistic natures. They want to help others in the world, but also want a comfortable lifestyle and be able to support a family. Our goal is to demonstrate, through example,

how you can develop a career in the nonprofit or social service arena that is both fulfilling and sustaining,” says Professor Sullivan.

The event is one of a series of career panels organized by Palm Beach State’s Career Center. In addition, panelists are often active as mentors in the College’s Career Mentor program, designed to give students direct access to working professionals. For more information about the panel discussion and Career Center, visit www.palmbeachstate.edu/Career.xml or call 561-207-5350.

Serving more than 51,000 students annually, Palm Beach State College is the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, providing bachelor’s degrees, associate degrees, professional certificates, career training and lifelong learning. Established in 1933 as Florida’s first public community college, it offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.

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